

(a) assigning a mark function to one of the function keys, such that in response to a user pressing the assigned mark function key, the image currently selected is marked to provide a marked image;

(b) repeating step (a) to create a temporary group of marked images, wherein mark information is not stored with the images; and

(c) assigning at least one group function to one of the function keys, such that in response to the user pressing the assigned group function key, the group of marked images is collectively manipulated by the user within the digital camera.

8. (Twice Amended) A method for grouping a series of images stored in a digital camera, the digital camera including a navigation control button, one or more function keys, and a view finder for displaying stored images, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting one of the stored images in response to a user pressing a navigation control button;

(b) enabling the user to mark the selected image using a corresponding function key;

(c) displaying a mark indication on the selected image in response to the user pressing the corresponding function key; and

(d) repeating steps (a) through (c) to provide a temporary group of marked images[.], wherein mark information is not stored with the images;

(e) enabling the user to select one of the functions of saving the group, deleting the group, and creating a slide show from the group using a corresponding function key; and

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(f) saving the group, deleting the group, and creating a slide show from the group in response to the user pressing the appropriate function key.

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9. A method as in claim 8 wherein step (c) further includes the step of:
- (c1) providing a mark number as the mark indication.

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11. (Twice Amended) A method as in claim [10] 9 further including the steps of:

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- (g) prompting the user to unmark the selected image using a corresponding function key; and
- (h) removing the mark indication from the selected image in response to the user pressing the corresponding function key.

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13. A digital camera device comprising:

a memory device coupled to said digital camera device for storing sets of image data;

a memory manager for allocating storage locations within said memory device to store said sets of image data;

an interface coupled to said memory device whereby an external host computer can access said sets of image data stored in said memory device;

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a user interface for displaying a plurality of images corresponding to the image data, the user interface including a plurality of function keys, and means to select one of the plurality of images;

means coupled to the memory manager for assigning a mark function to one of the function keys, such that in response to the user pressing the assigned mark function key, the selected image is marked, such that in response to the user repeatedly selecting images and pressing the assigned mark function key, a temporary group of marked images is created, wherein mark information is not stored with the images; and

means coupled to the memory manager for assigning at least one group function to one of the function keys, such that in response to a user pressing the assigned group function key, the group of marked images is collectively manipulated by the user, within the digital camera.